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SUBJECT: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE

1. WE ASKED QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE LEVANT ROUILLON APRIL 16 HOW THE FAILURE OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON ENERGY MIGHT AFFECT THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. HE SAID THAT WITH NO PROSPECT OF THERE BEING AN ENERGY CONFERENCE, THE DIALOGUE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER SINCE IT WILL BE THE ONLY REMAINING IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN WESTERN CONSUMERS AND MIDDLE EAST PRODUCERS.

2. CONFIRMING REPORTING FROM OTHER POSTS, ROUILLON SAID THAT THE EC MINISTERS REAFFIRMED IN DUBLIN LAST WEEK THEIR DESIRE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE DIALOGUE IF THE ARABS ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF NOT USING THE PLO LABEL AS SUCH, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT PLO MEMBERS MIGHT BE INCLUDED WITH ARAB LEAGUE OR ARAB NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. ROUILLON THOUGHT THE ARAB LEAGUE WOULD NOW TAKE A DECISION AT ITS APRIL 21 MEETING, THE LAST SUCH MEETING HAVING FAILED TO ACT ON THE MATTER AS THE FRENCH HAD EXPECTED.

3. COMMENT: SMARTING FROM THE DEFEAT OF THEIR ENERGY CONFERENCE INITIATIVE, THE FRENCH CAN BE EXPECTED TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE FROM SUFFERING THE SAME FATE.
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